

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please add the following heading-paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16:

Background of the Invention

Field of the Invention

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 19 with the following paragraph:

The present invention relates to a sports shoe for golfers ~~having the features defined in the preamble of Claim 1.~~ Golf shoes have a more or less profiled plastic sole which, with a view to improving their grip and increasing the golfer's stability, are provided with projecting ground-engaging elements, especially spikes, that penetrate more or less deeply into the turf or into the ground. Spikes may consist of steel, or a ceramic material, and are also available as so-called soft spikes or plastic spikes. Soft spikes are prescribed on some golf courses because they are said to cause less damage to the golf course than spikes made from steel or a ceramic material. Spikes may either be firmly anchored in the sole, or may be exchangeable. In the latter case it is common practice to provide the sole with threaded holes, for example to embed metallic threaded bushes in the sole, into which spikes with a matching external thread can be screwed.

Description of Related Art

Please add this heading-paragraph beginning at page 2, line 27:

Summary of the Invention

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 31 with the following paragraph:

This object is achieved by a sports shoe having the features defined in the claims ~~Claim 1.~~ ~~Advantageous further developments of the invention are the subject matter of the sub-claims.~~